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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
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March 8, 2004  
RESUBMITTED: April 12, 2004

Memorandum to the Natural Resources Commission:

SUBJECT: Quail Season Closing Date

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

The current quail season closing date is November 11. Prior to 1991, this date coincided with the pheasant season closing date. To simplify hunting season regulations, it is recommended the quail season ending date be extended to November 14 (three days) to concur with the closing of the current regular pheasant season. Little additional harvest is anticipated.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information only at the April 2004 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This item appeared in the April 26, 2004, Calendar and is eligible for approval on May 7, 2004. We are now recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.

Rebecca A. Humphries, Chief  
Wildlife Division

Alan Marble, Acting Chief  
Law Enforcement Division

George E. Burgoyne, Jr.  
Resource Management Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

K. L. Cool  
Director

# **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER**

## **Amendment No. 9 of 2004**

Under the authority of sections 40107 and 40113a, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.40107 and 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources ordered that effective May 8, 2004, the following section of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

### **3.504 Quail, open season, open counties; director may issue interim order; daily and possession limits.**

Sec. 3.504. (1) The open season for taking quail shall be October 20 to November 14.

(2) A person shall only take quail in Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties.

(3) The director of the Department of Natural Resources may issue an interim order to close any or all of the above-mentioned counties based upon the June breeding quail survey.

(4) The daily limit shall be 5 quail and the possession limit shall be 10 quail.

Issued this 7th day of May, 2004.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Keith J. Charters, Chairman  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

K. L. Cool  
Director